(b) The Department of Telecommunications had drawn up plans with an investment of about Rs. 12,000 crores to provide telephone on demand by 1990." There was provision for installing matching transmission links and considerable modernisation of the network including replacement of life expired and worn out equipment. However, owing to resource constraints, the Planning Commission has allocated an outlay of Rs. 4010 crores for the Department of telecommunication for 7th Five Year Plan. With this allocation, it will not be feasible to expand the network by more than about 11 lakh connections during 7th Plan period. The Government is trying to raise additional resource through public borrowings etc. to be able to expand the telecommunication network by around 16 lakh connections during the 7th Plan period.

Killing of Five intruders from Pakistan

373. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that five intruders from Pakistan were killed in encounters with BSF personnel on October, 11, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident; and

(c) what arms, ammunition and other goods were seized from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On October 11, 1986, four unidentified intruders were killed in return fire by a Naka party of the BSF in the Khemkaran Sector of Amritsar district while they were trying to enter into India from Pakistan. The other associates of the deceased managed to escape in the cover of darkness. In another incident on October 11, 1986, a BSF Naka party observed some intruders coming from Pakistan to India in Amritsar district. On being challenged by the Naka party the intruders fired at them. The BSF party returned the fire resulting in the death of one of them, while the remaining managed to escape.

(c) The search of the area and dead bodies of the intruders resulted in the recovery of the following items :—

(i) Wrist Watches - 2

(ii) Gold locket with chain - 1

(iii) Pak currency - Rs. 10.05.

Concentration of Pakistani Troops

374. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the concentration of Pakistani armed forces along the international border in the North, particularly in the Pak-occupied area of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the threat posed by the concentration of Pakistani armed forces along the borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) There is no evidence to suggest any unusual concentration of Pakistani forces along the International Border or the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. However, there are reports about movement of Pakistani troops across the border in connection with their annual winter training exercises.

(c) Government keep all developments having a bearing on our security under watch and take appropriate measures to esure full defence preparedness.